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Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action regarding the above-identified application, dated October 21, 2005, the Claims are amended as follows, and reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month is concurrently filed herewith; a one-month extension is appropriate because this Amendment and Response is filed prior to the expiration of the first month following the three-month period (January 21, 2006) set by the Examiner from the date of mailing (October 21, 2005) of the Office Action, namely, prior to the expiration of February 21, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.